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NEGOTIATIONS FOR SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT

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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY MOSCOW TELLS US THAT PRELIMINARY GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR SOUTH YAKUTIA COKING COAL PROJECT, TO BE CONCLUDED UNDER CREDIT AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST WEEK, TOOK PLACE IN TOKYO APRIL 30. B.Z. NIKOLAYENKO, CHAIRMAN OF SOYUZPROMEKSPORT (FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION FOR EXPORT/IMPORT OF COAL AND FERROUS METALS) SIGNED FOR USSR. MAKITA, PRESIDENT OF NIPPON KOKKAN, SIGNED FOR JAPAN. FORMAL SIGNATURE OF ADDITIONAL AND FINAL AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE AT END OF MAY IN EITHER TOKYO OR MOSCOW, WHEN NEW COMPANY FOR YAKUTIA COAL DEVELOPMENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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HEADED BY MAKITA, WILL HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

2. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO SAID THAT FINAL ACCORD HAS STILL NOT BEEN REACHED ON PRICE FOR TIMBER. SPECIAL JAPANESE DELEGATION WHICH VISITED MOSCOW LAST WEEK FOR TIMBER NEGOTIATIONS HAS NOW RETURNED TO TOKYO. NEGOTIATIONS ON TIMBER PRICE ARE EXPECTED TO RESUME IN JAPAN IN MID-MAY.

3. COMMENTING ON ATMOSPHERE IN SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL AND SUCCESSFUL SOVIET-JAPANESE ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE GONE ON OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, JAPANESE OFFICER SAID THAT SOVIETS MUCH MORE AMENABLE AND "REASONABLE" IN NEGOTIATIONS THAN THEY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY. HOWEVER, SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR MOVEMENT OF TYUMEN OIL BY RAILWAY, WHICH INVOLVES TRANSPORT OF OIL SEQUENTIALLY FROM TYUMEN TO TOKYO BY PIPELINE, RAILWAY, PIPELINE AND TANKERS, IS REGARDED BY JAPANESE SPECIALISTS AS COMPLETELY UNECONOMIC AND OUT OF QUESTION.
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